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NCDACS Food Distribution Monthly E-Notification

September 2013

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USDA informed us this week, that the SY13 budget for the beginning entitlement balances have been updated for the first time ever with **SY13 Preliminary meal data**.

The meals recorded in the National Data Bank are preliminary meals through May 2013. The meals used for June were the actual meals from the previous June (2012). So what does this mean for you/us?

Your entitlement, when you placed your orders in NCECOS for SY 13-14 was based on 161,625,865 meals resulting in \$45,492,228.00 State entitlement, which is prorated to your district based on the meals served in your district.

As you know, meal participation went down last year, reducing the meal count to 156,322,876 reducing the State entitlement to \$42,747,931.00, thus reducing your entitlement.

As you review your 209 Report, you will see the affect this had on your district. Many, who had entitlement remaining, are now in the red. (Please don't shoot the messenger)

Going forward, we will not be making any rash adjustments to entitlement this early in the SY. There may well be more order cancellations to come by USDA FNS.

Should you decide you want to make adjustments to your DOD set aside, please start with the month of October's orders in the Order Guide, as September's orders are placed with the vendor at this time.

Please have any changes you wish to make to Ken Wilmoth no later than September 16, 2013.

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NC Farm to School Calendar SY 2013-2014

Week of September 8, 2013	Tomatoes, Grape Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Asian Pear, Squash, Zucchini
Week of September 22, 2013	Apples, Sweet Potatoes, Kale, Collards
Week of October 6, 2013	Apples, Kale, Collards
Week of October 20, 2013	Apples, Broccoli, Romaine, Sweet Potatoes
Week of November 3, 2013	Broccoli Crowns, Cabbage, Collards, Romaine
Week of November 17, 2013	Sweet Potatoes, Apples, Broccoli
Week of December 1, 2013	Sweet Potatoes
Week of December 8, 2013	Cabbage, Broccoli Crowns, Collards, Romaine, Apple Slices
Week of January 5, 2014	Collards, Cabbage, Apple Slices, Sweet Potatoes
Week of January 26, 2014	Apples, Sweet Potatoes
Week of February 9, 2014	Kale, Apples Slices, Collards
Week of February 23, 2014	Sweet Potatoes, Apple Slices
Week of March 9, 2014	Apple Slices
Week of March 23, 2014	Apple Slices, Sweet Potatoes
Week of April 6, 2014	Kale, Collards
Week of April 27, 2014	Strawberries, Romaine
Week of May 4, 2014	Strawberries, Romaine
Week of May 11, 2014	Strawberries, Romaine
Week of May 18, 2014	Strawberries, Blueberries

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FARM TO SCHOOL PRODUCE TOTALS

September 9th 2013-14 SY

<u>WEEK OF</u>	<u>PRODUCE ITEM</u>					<u>GRAND TOTALS FOR WEEK</u>
9/9/13	Asian Pears					750 *
	Cucumbers					0 *
	Grape Tom (bagged)					0 *
	Grape Tom (Clamshell)					566
	Slice Tomatoes					527
	Squash					587
	Zucchini					553
	<u>TOTALS:</u>					

*** Due to weather conditions in Western NC**

Origin USDA Product now on NCDA&CS Food Distribution: Bob Sitton

We often receive phone calls about USDA Foods from you, asking who the manufacturer is, for a specific product.

While we always appreciate the opportunity to speak with you, the answer to this question is now only a click away.

You can now visit our homepage 24/7 at:

<http://www.ncagr.gov/fooddist/>, and see from whom and where the domestic USDA Foods originated.

On the left side of the page, you will find a tab "Origin of USDA Foods". We are compiling this list for 2013-2014 school year, as the foods arrive in our warehouses. We will also have the "Origin of Produce" for NC Farm to School items, as well. The tab "Origin of Produce" is already on the Farm to School webpage:

<http://www.ncfarmtoschool.com/index.htm>

We hope you find this new tool helpful.

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16 of 32 trucks 110236 Peaches Cling Extra Lite Sucrose

4 of 4 trucks of 110231 Apricot Halves Extra Lite Sucrose

1 of 10 trucks of 100254 Strawberries Frozen

The 209 will now display items which have been canceled (i.e. as the result of the cancellation of a USDA order or the agency's request). These items are displayed with a double asterisk (which is explained in the 209 report footer). Also canceled items are red in color and are shown with a strike-through font. The original dollar amount is displayed as \$0.00; however, the original quantity is shown so the agency can see how many cases were canceled.

USDA *"As expected, fruit and vegetable demand increased significantly as states and school districts work to implement the new meal patterns. Unfortunately, this year, industry was not able to meet the demand.*

Despite forecasting demand with an across the board 20% increase and issuing solicitations in early April in an attempt to secure supply early, we still have a significant shortfall. Freestone and cling peach yields are down 10% due to tree pulls and acreage diversion to nut trees and the heat's impact on fruit size. Unfortunately the industry was not able to respond this quickly to the increased demand. Bids for apricots fell short of demand also."

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We have completed and tested the new SENS notification process. This method will systematically notify all schools of any commodity recalls or food alerts. This process will enable NCDA&CS Food Distribution to quickly send out the same message to all our customers. We also have a RECALL tab on our web site, which goes into great detail and can be printed or forwarded to front line staff.

Please contact Tony Wilkins if you would like to make updates to your notification call list. 919-575-4490 x 204

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Survey Says: “Bring the training closer to my location !”

Tony Wilkins

Up to five hours of drive time is a lot to ask for training. With that in mind, next year we are going to try a new commodity training road show. We plan to start in the western part of North Carolina, in the territory of NCDA&CS Field Representative Beth Frith. We have listed the location, date and time for this event under the SAVE THE DATE section.

We are asking that at least one person from each agency attend, but feel free to invite additional staff that may need more information on how the USDA / NCDA&CS Food Distribution Program operates. We will go over in detail how you can utilize NCDA&CS Food Distribution Division as a friendly resource in navigating the complicated world of commodities.

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Save The Dates:

- March Across Carolina: Hickory 11-6-2013 Raleigh 11-7-2013
- Regional Commodity Academy Training: March 19th 2014
– Boone Mountain Heritage Center / Western NC Ag Center in Fletcher, NC

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Starting August 26th, we have a new team member in the Butner Distribution Center. Please welcome Scott Daniel, who comes to NCDA & CS Food Distribution with over twenty years of professional driving experience. Scott will be replacing Kenny Beal, who retired last spring.



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